

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 23 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and substitute new Claims 24 to 38 therefor, as follows:

1. to 23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) A file outputting system comprising:

file storing means for storing a file which is formed using an application;

receiving means for receiving a request of output processing of the file stored by said file storing means;

output processing executing means for executing the requested output processing on the file;

output log recording means for recording an amount of output product obtained by the output processing; and

calculating means for calculating a charge for use of the application on the basis of the amount of the output product, recorded by said output log recording means.

25. (New) A system according to claim 24, further comprising unit price storing means for storing a unit price of the application,

wherein said calculating means calculates the charge for use of the application on the basis of the unit price.

26. (New) A system according to claim 24, wherein the output processing includes at least one of facsimile transmission, printing and e-mail transmission.

27. (New) A system according to claim 24, wherein the file is formed using the application by a client apparatus connected to a network, and then transmitted to a file server apparatus which includes said file storing means.

28. (New) A system according to claim 24, further comprising notifying means for notifying an accounting sever which effects accounting processing, of the calculated charge for use of the application.

29. (New) A file outputting method comprising:
a file storing step of storing a file which is formed using an application;
a receiving step of receiving a request of output processing of the file stored in said file storing step;
an output processing executing step of executing the requested output processing on the file;
an output log recording step of recording an amount of output product obtained in said output processing executing step; and
a calculating step of calculating a charge for use of the application on the basis of the amount of the output product, recorded in said output log recording step.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29, further comprising a unit price storing step of storing a unit price of the application,
wherein said calculating step includes a step of calculating the charge for use of the application on the basis of the unit price.

31. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein the output processing includes at least one of facsimile transmission, printing and e-mail transmission.

32. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein the file is formed using the application by a client apparatus connected to a network, and then transmitted to a file server apparatus which is arranged so that said file storing step stores the file.

33. (New) A method according to claim 29, further comprising a notifying step of notifying an accounting sever which effects accounting processing, of the calculated charge for use of the application.

34. (New) A program for causing a computer to execute a file outputting method, said file outputting method comprising:

a file storing step of storing a file which is formed using an application;

receiving step of receiving a request of output processing of the file stored by said file storing step;

an output processing executing step of executing the requested output processing on the file;

output log recording step of recording an amount of output product obtained in said output processing executing step; and

calculating step of calculating a charge for use of the application on the basis of the amount of the output product, recorded in said output log recording step.

35. (New) A program according to claim 34, wherein said file outputting method further comprises a unit price storing step of storing a unit price of the application,

and said calculating step includes a step of calculate the charge for use of the application on the basis of the unit price.

36. (New) A program according to claim 34, wherein the output processing includes at least one of facsimile transmission, printing and e-mail transmission.

37. (New) A program according to claim 34, wherein the file is formed using the application by a client apparatus connected to a network, and then transmitted to a file server apparatus which is arranged so that said file storing step stores the file.

38. (New) A program according to claim 34, wherein said file outputting method further comprises notifying step of notifying an accounting sever which effects accounting processing, of the calculated charge for use of the application.